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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AEROAMERICA

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER SIGNED BY JOEL EISENBERG FORMALLY SEEKING ALLIED AUTHORITY TO OPERATE FROM BERLIN. THE LETTER ENCLOSED AN INSURANCE CERTIFICATE AND A PHOTO COPY OF AEROAMERICA'S 121 CERTIFICATE. WE HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THE LETTER POINTING OUT THAT AS CAA CONSIDERATION OF THE APPLICATION PROCEEDS FURTHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MAY BE NECESSARY.

2. DURING BRIEF MEETING AT TEMPELHOF OCT 8, AEROAMERICA OFFICIAL MATTUS SOUGHT EMB CAA'S VIEWS RE PROSPECTS FOR AEROAMERICA'S APPLICATION TO OPERATE FROM BERLIN. MATTUS SAID THAT THE BERLINER FLUG RING (BFR) WAS NOW SEEKING PROMPT ASSURANCES THAT AEROAMERICA WOULD BE ABLE OPERATE THE FORMER'S SUMMER PROGRAM. MOREOVER, A NUMBER OF OTHER TRAVEL ORGANIZERS HAD INQUIRED WHETHER AEROAMERICA WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS THIS

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WINTER. RE MODERN AIR EMPLOYEES, MATTUS EXPLAINED

THAT THE AMJORITY WOULD BE FURLOUGHED AT THE END  
OF OCT WITH THE EXPECTATION OF RETURNING TO WORK  
FOR AEROAMERICA WHEN THE SUMMER 1975 SEASON BEGINS.

3. MATTUS PROVIDED EMB CAA WITH A FORMAL APPLICATION  
FOR AN AEROAMERICA DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT FROM  
UNITED STATES TO TEGEL ON OCT 23. THE AIRCRAFT,  
A 720 IN AEROAMERICA'S COLORS, WOULD REMAIN ON  
DISPLAY AT TEGEL SOUTH FOR SEVERAL DAYS, DEPARTING  
OCT 28 FOR BRUSSELS. ACCORDING TO MATTUS, AEROAMERICA  
OWNER JOEL EISENBERG AND "DIGNITARIES FROM THE  
SEATTLE AREA" WOULD BE ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT. CAA  
REITERATED THAT AUTHORITY FOR WEST BERLIN OPERATIONS  
WAS A TRIPARTITE RESPONSIBILITY AND THAT IT WAS  
DIFFICULT AT THIS JUNCTURE TO PREDICT THE LENGTH  
OF TIME IT WOULD TAKE TO CONCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF  
AEROAMERICA'S APPLI-ATION TO INITIATE BERLIN  
CHARTER OPERATIONS. WE PROMISED TO BE BACK  
IN TOUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE APPLICATION  
FOR THE FLIGHT TO TEGEL SOUTH.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH AEROAMERICA HAS GARNERED SOME  
BERLIN PUBLICITY, IT APPEARS THAT IT HAS, IN FACT,  
MADE NO FIRM COMMITMENTS--ARRANGEMENT WITH THE  
BFR IS BASED ON A LETTER OF INTENT, NOT A CONTRACT.  
GIVEN AEROAMERICA'S PROPOSED OCT 23 FLIGHT, HOWEVER,  
WE NOW BELIEVE IT ADVISABLE TO TABLE BOTH APPLICATIONS  
IN THE CAA FORUM. WE COULD FOR THE PRESENT, AT LEAST,  
AVOID PRESENTING A FINAL US POSITION ON AEROAMERICA  
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SOLICITING BRITISH AND  
FRENCH VIEWS. HILLENBRAND

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT'S VIEWS.  
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